

F3+R

FAMILY. FAITH. FELLOWSHIP. + RESEARCH.

NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events:

APRIL 14

Greta Speaks Concert at Chiba
Westfield, IN 4-7pm

September 23

2nd Annual F3+R Golf Event at
the Bridgewater Club

Dear Donors,

Welcome to F3 + R's first semi-annual newsletter. We will be reaching out to all our donors to provide updates on the precision medicine research we are funding, share reminders about upcoming fundraising events, recognize our donors, engage your feedback, and provide updates on Tim.

First and foremost, please accept our sincere gratitude from the entire Johnston family! Your financial support, prayers, and love have been remarkable, and, candidly, very humbling! It has been just over 6 months since Tim's diagnosis. While the first 4+ months were difficult and challenging, we are very pleased to share that **he is in remission** 😊! The doctors have no scientific nor medical explanation...but we believe wholeheartedly that the combination of your prayers and the precision medicine he is taking are truly working side by side. Tim is back to working out five times a week... he says he needs to get his "soft

white body back in shape." There are ancillary side effects, but his attitude, energy, strength, and faith are carrying him forward.

F3 + R, Faith. Family. Fellowship. + Research., has made a major impact in just a few short months. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we have created the **Timothy A. Johnston Precision Medicine Research Fund** at Indiana University. This fund – which has already grown to more than \$100,000! – will support research being done by a team of IU researchers led by Tim's oncologist Dr. Larry Einhorn. Your generous gifts will soon be hard at work funding a new clinical trial for early-stage cancer patients that very well could change how cancer is combatted in the future (we've attached an announcement with more details). YOU are making a difference for so many people with your donations. When Tim and I discussed funding this project earlier this month, his response was, "it is just the right thing to do."

And it's all because of **YOU**.

Thank you!

F3 + R will be making some changes moving forward on how best to operate as efficiently as possible.

- First, it's been suggested that I (Tim) remove myself from many responsibilities. HaHaHa! Seriously, a group of talented individuals will be formed with underlying committee leaders and volunteers...more to come on that.
- F3 + R will become its own 501(c)3 in the next few months; this will provide us many efficiencies.
- F3 + R's website will be up and running by 4/1. This will be a great way to connect and communicate.
- We will soon name a F3 + R Board of Advisors and Board of Directors of the 501(c)3.
- We are excited to recognize cumulative donations from all our donors.
- Our vision and mission are to fund initiatives and play a role in the long-term fight against cancer!

None of the above would be possible without each and every one of you! Again, our appreciation and gratitude are beyond words.

Please mark your calendar for upcoming events in 2019:

- 4/14 – Greta Speaks Concert at Chiba in Westfield, 4-7 pm
- 9/23 – 2nd Annual F3 + R Golf Event at The Bridgewater Club

We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events. In the meantime, feel free to reach out at any time. Be well, and may His blessings be with you abundantly!

Our Best,

Tim and Terry Johnston



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January 28, 2019

Dear Donors,

As leaders of IU's precision medicine program, we are incredibly grateful to learn that the **Timothy A. Johnston Fund for Precision Medicine Research** generated nearly \$90,000 in 2018. Thank you to each of you for your support! It is incredibly exciting to us that the Johnston Family has designated this funding for research aimed at precision medicine. This cutting-edge approach to cancer treatment allows us to choose therapies for individual patients based on the genetic or molecular profile of each person's cancer at the time of treatment.

Your gifts will soon be hard at work helping us fund a new clinical trial. The trial is focused on patients who have early stage forms of many types of cancer, including lung cancer, and have not yet received precision medicine therapies. The goal of the trial is to use precision medicine to help patients whose cancer has recurred. We know that a very early indication of a cancer coming back is the presence of "leaked" tumor DNA in the bloodstream. This tumor DNA is present long before tumors are visible on any scans. We believe that if we can detect this DNA early enough and intervene immediately with a targeted drug, we can help patients live longer. We plan to look at the blueprint of tumor DNA circulating in the blood to identify the "Achilles heel" of that tumor and initiate treatment long before we would normally even be aware that the cancer has returned.

Expenses related to every patient enrolled on this trial will fall between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Our goal is to enroll 20-25 patients. YOU are making this possible through your generosity to Tim's Fund.

Thank you again for supporting Tim and his family in such a meaningful way.

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